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Intelligence Memorandum

Subject: Significance of Soviet Diplomats Returning to the USSR

1. On the basis of available evidence, the return of Soviet diplomats to the USSR during the period March-June 1951 is probably for purposes of periodic home consultation or for summer vacation. Analysis of USSR personnel activities indicates that the high-level Soviet diplomats returning during this period are predominantly from South Asia or North America. 25X1

2.

[redacted] Soviet Ambassador to the US Panyushkin sailed on 8 June, announcing he was returning to the USSR for a "month's leave." However, Panyushkin was absent from Washington in June 1948 and from May to August 1950. Soviet UN delegate Malik is also reported making reservations to return to the USSR on 29 June 1951. Malik, who replaced Gromyko about May 1948, returned to Moscow during the summer of 1949 but not during 1950. Embassy Moscow has advised that visas have been requested for new Soviet personnel coming to the US, although apparently not as replacements for any high-level diplomats. Any future replacement of senior Soviet diplomats in the US would be of some significance since present top personnel are all Far Eastern specialists. If Soviet UN delegate Malik is replaced, the importance of the new head of the Soviet UN delegation may give some indication of the USSR's future attitude toward UN activities.

3. It has been reported that several Soviet nationals employed by the UN Secretariat are resigning and that all Soviet UN officials' children in the US over four years of age are to return to the USSR. The return to the USSR of school-age children is a well-established procedure, particularly apparent since 1948. A check of members of USSR missions and their families in the US from March to June 1951 did not reveal any unusual pattern of arrivals or departures.

4. The only other possibly significant movement of high-level Soviet diplomatic personnel has been noted in the South and Southeast Asian areas. While a new Soviet Ambassador and Minister have recently arrived in Burma and Thailand, the Soviet Ambassadors to Afghanistan, Pakistan and India left their respective posts to return to Moscow on 12 April, 17 May and 1 June.

5. The past pattern of Soviet diplomatic movements indicates that vacations are usually taken in the USSR every two years and therefore such movements, particularly at this time of year, cannot be regarded as a definite indication of Soviet intentions in any area. It appears notable, however, that in the few months preceding the

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Communist invasion of South Korea, the heads of Soviet missions in China, North Korea, and Japan visited Moscow. On the other hand, the large-scale withdrawal of Soviet and Satellite personnel (particularly dependents) which occurred during the first half of 1948, did not indicate an impending change in Soviet foreign policy.

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APPENDIX

Reported Departures of Senior Soviet Representatives

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>DEPARTURE</u>
US	PANYUSHKIN, Aleksandr Semenovich	Ambassador (a. Oct 47)	7 June 51
US	SUZDALEV, Sergei P.	Counselor	3 Apr 51
UN	MALIK, Yakov	Ambassador	29 June 51
Cuba	FOMIN, Gennadi I.	Counselor Charge d'Affaires	7 June 51
Mexico	BADALYAN, Avetik E.	Counselor	1 May 51
Argentina	BUDARIN, Igor D.	First Secretary	Apr 51
Italy	KOSTYLEV, Mikhail Alekseevich	Ambassador (a. Apr 45)	Expected de- part shortly on leave.
Hungary	KISELEV, Evgeni Dmitrievich	Ambassador (a. Nov 49)	18 May 51
Yugoslavia	SNYUKOV, Grigori P.	Counselor	Mar 51
Canada	DEGTYAR, Mikhail	Counselor Charge d'Affaires	27 Feb 51
Afghanistan	FEDOROV, Artemi Fedorovich	Ambassador (a. Nov 48)	12 Apr 51
Afghanistan	SHPEDKO, I.	Counselor	3 Sep 50
India	NOVIKOV, Kirill Vasilevich	Ambassador (a. Oct 47)	1 June 51
Pakistan	STETSENKO, Aleksandr Georgievich	Ambassador (a. Feb 50)	17 May 51
Egypt	KOZYREV, Semen Pavlovich	Minister (a. Feb 50)	June 51
Japan	POLYASHENKO, S. A., Colonel	Deputy Soviet Member ACJ	25 Mar 51
India	ERZIN, P. D.	First Secretary	1 June 51

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Selected Arrivals of Soviet Representatives

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ARRIVAL</u>
US	IGONINA, Mikhail Vasilevich	Second Secretary (and Wife)	27 May 51 Visa granted by US Emb Moscow.
US	BUEV, Aleksandr	Assistant M/A	4 May 51 Visa granted by US Emb Moscow.
Canada	BOCHKAREV, Aleksandr Semenovich	Attache	4 May 51 Visa granted by US Emb Moscow.
UN	SOLDATOV, Aleksandr	Senior Counselor of Soviet Representative in UN	25 May 51 Visa granted by US Emb Moscow.
Burma	SAVELEV, Aleksandr Ivanovich	Ambassador (a. Oct 50)	21 May 50 Presented cre- dentials.
Thailand	DOLYA, Fedor Pavlovich	Minister (a. Dec 50)	16 May 51 Presented cre- dentials.
Argentina	REZANOV, Grigori F.	Ambassador (a. Nov 50)	Feb 51

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